

Vermont PRAMS Data Brief

Prenatal Counseling – part 9 Domestic Abuse

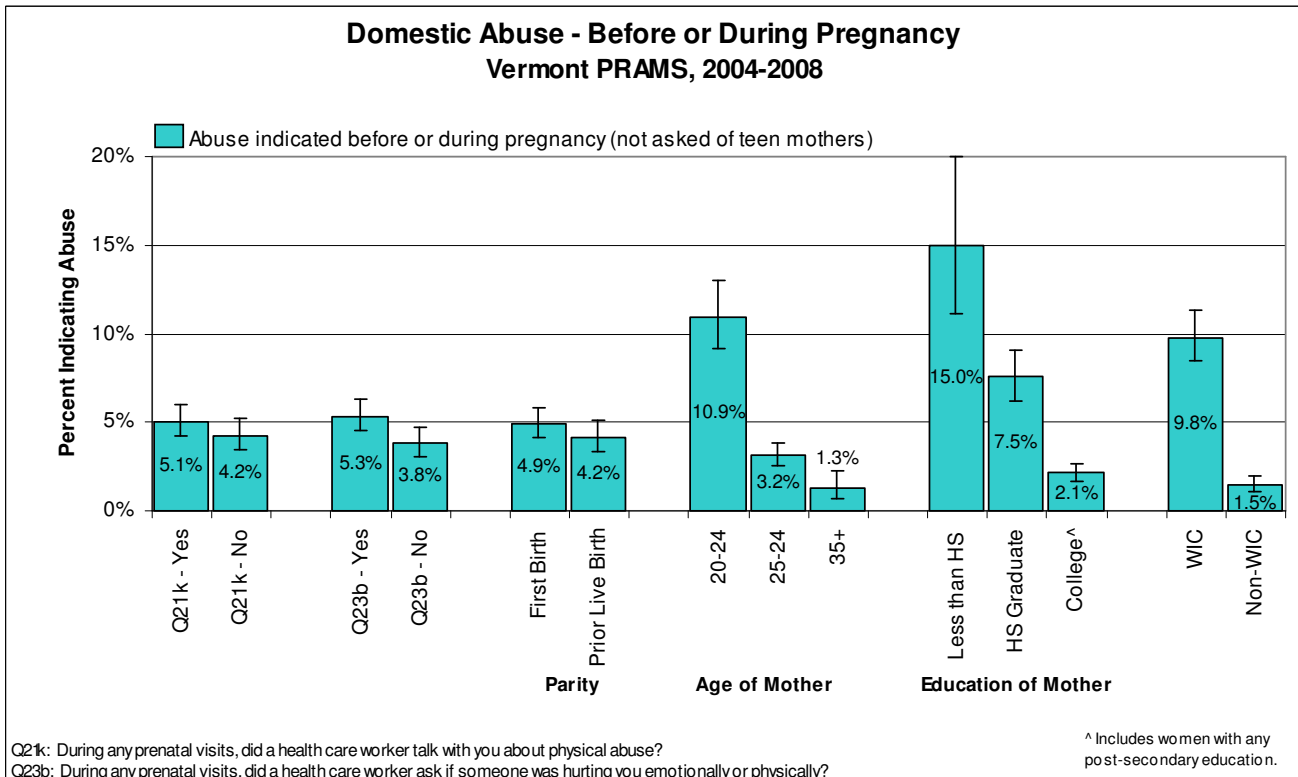
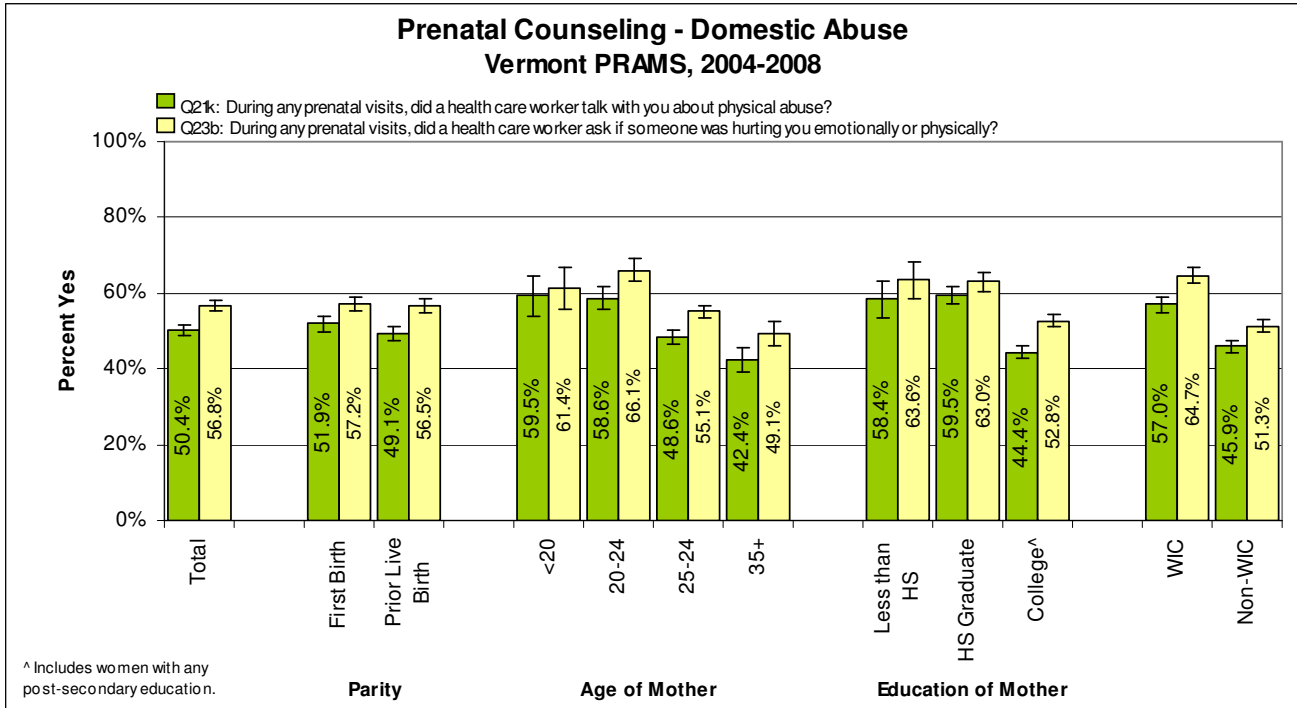
This is a report on the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), a survey conducted on a sample of Vermont women with live births since 2001. This report includes data from 2004-2008.

Included in the survey are questions about the content of prenatal care. Previous reports have examined trends in prenatal counseling, differences in responses across demographics for the prenatal counseling questions, and compared maternal behaviors and birth outcomes with prenatal counseling in specific topic areas. This report, which concludes the prenatal counseling series, focuses on counseling and domestic abuse. The exact wording for the questions is included at the end of this report.

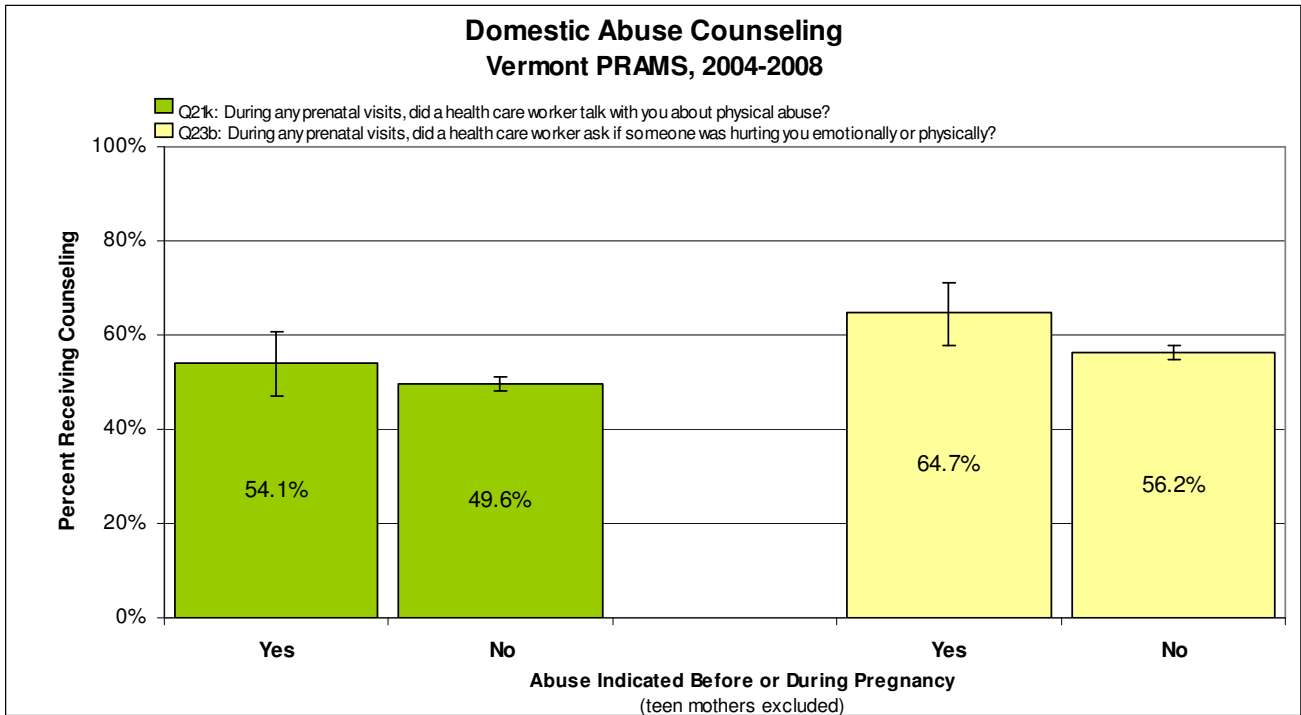
Prenatal Counseling and Domestic Abuse:

- Just over 50% of mothers reported that a healthcare worker talked with them about domestic abuse during a prenatal care visit, while 57% reported being asked if someone was hurting them, physically or emotionally.
- Younger women, women with no post-secondary education and WIC recipients were most likely to report receiving domestic abuse counseling.
- Similarly, women under 25, women with no post-secondary education and WIC recipients were far more likely to indicate they were abused before or during their pregnancy.
- Mothers who indicated that they were abused either before or during their most recent pregnancy were significantly more likely to have been asked if they were being hurt physically or emotionally.

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PRAMS Prenatal Counseling Questions on Domestic Abuse:

Core Question:

21. During any of your prenatal care visits, did a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker talk with you about any of the things listed below? Please count only discussions, not reading materials or videos. For each item, circle **Y** (Yes) if someone talked with you about it or circle **N** (No) if no one talked with you about it.

No Yes

k. Physical abuse to women by their husbands or partners N Y

State Added Question (added in 2004):

23. During any of your prenatal care visits, did a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker ask you—

No Yes

b. If someone was hurting you emotionally or physically N Y

Other PRAMS Questions used in this brief:

9. Before you got pregnant with your new baby, did you ever have any other babies who were born alive?

- No
- Yes

31. During your most recent pregnancy, were you on WIC (the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)?

- No
- Yes

43a. During the 12 months before you got pregnant, did an ex-husband or ex-partner push, hit, slap, kick, choke, or physically hurt you in any other way?

- No
- Yes

43b. During the 12 months before you got pregnant, were you physically hurt in any way by your husband or partner?

- No
- Yes

The next questions are about the time during your most recent pregnancy.

44a. During your most recent pregnancy, did an ex-husband or ex-partner push, hit, slap, kick, choke, or physically hurt you in any other way?

- No
- Yes

44b. During your most recent pregnancy, were you physically hurt in any way by your husband or partner?

- No
- Yes